

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1 1. (currently amended) A bolt-keeper toilet flange comprising:
2 a toilet-fastener plate having at least one raised bolt-head bracket
3 articulated to hold a toilet-bolt head between two side walls of said bracket;
4 the at least one raised bolt-head bracket having an open outer end and
5 a bolt-shank opening on a bolt-head side of the toilet fastener plate for sliding a bolt-
6 head into the open outer end and positioning the toilet-bolt head between the two side
7 walls in the at least one raised bolt-head bracket with a toilet-bolt shank held
8 uprightly from the toilet-fastener plate in a predetermined place for attachment of a
9 toilet bowl to the toilet bolt with a toilet-bolt nut screwed onto the toilet-bolt shank;
10 and
11 floor-bolt apertures which extend through the toilet-fastener plate on
12 arcuately opposite sides of the at least one raised bolt-head bracket for receiving
13 floor-bolt shanks of floor bolts inserted downwardly through the floor-bolt apertures
14 and for retaining floor-bolt heads of the floor bolts proximate a top of the toilet-
15 fastener plate for bolting the toilet-fastener plate to a floor predeterminedly about a
16 toilet-drain aperture in the floor[.]
17 wherein the at least one raised bolt-head bracket has a floor beneath the
18 toilet-bolt head to prevent the toilet bolt from falling through the flange.

1 2. (*original*) The bolt-keeper toilet flange of claim 1 wherein:

2 the toilet-fastener plate includes an arcuate plate having a predetermined
3 arcuate length.

1 3. (*original*) The bolt-keeper toilet flange of claim 2 wherein:

2 the arcuate plate has an arcuate length of predeterminedly proximate two
3 inches, a width of predeterminedly proximate three-fourths of an inch and a thickness
4 of predeterminedly proximate one-sixteenth of an inch.

1 4. (*previously amended*) The bolt-keeper toilet flange of claim 1 wherein:

2 the at least one raised bolt-head bracket includes a bracket entry that is
3 articulated to receive the toilet-bolt head and the toilet-bolt shank radially from a
4 predetermined entry edge of the fastener plate; and

5 the at least one raised bolt-head bracket includes an end wall opposite
6 the bracket entry to prevent passage of the toilet-bolt head through the bolt-head
7 bracket.

1 5. (*original*) The bolt-keeper toilet flange of claim 4 wherein:

2 the entry edge of the fastener plate is an arcuately outside edge of the
3 fastener plate.

1 **6. (original)** The bolt-keeper toilet flange of claim 4 wherein:
2 the entry edge of the fastener plate is an arcuately inside edge of the
3 fastener plate.

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1 **7. (original)** The bolt-keeper toilet flange of claim 1 wherein:
2 the floor-bolt apertures are arcuate and have aperture lengths that are
3 equal to a predetermined plurality of diameter lengths of the floor bolts.

1 **8. (previously withdrawn)** The bolt-keeper toilet flange of claim 1
2 wherein:
3 the toilet-fastener plate includes a connector plate with an arcuate
4 extension of predeterminedly proximate 90 degrees, a width of predeterminedly
5 proximate three-fourths of an inch and a thickness predetermined for structure of the
6 bolt-head bracket.

1 9. (previously withdrawn) The bolt-keeper toilet flange of claim 1

2 wherein:

3 the toilet-fastener plate includes a connector plate with an arcuate
4 extension of predeterminedly proximate 90 degrees, a width of predeterminedly
5 proximate one-and-one-half inches and a thickness predetermined for structure of
6 the bolt-head bracket.

B 1 10. (previously withdrawn) The bolt-keeper toilet flange of claim 1 wherein:

2 the floor-bolt apertures include a predetermined plurality of circular
3 orifices at a predetermined arcuate radius.

1 11. (previously withdrawn) The bolt-keeper toilet flange of claim 1 wherein:

2 the toilet-fastener plate includes a base circumferential plate having a
3 plate diameter predeterminedly in excess of a diameter of a predetermined toilet-
4 drain aperture;

5 the bolt-head bracket including a first bolt-head bracket that is
6 oppositely disposed diametrically from a second bolt-head bracket; and

7 the floor-bolt apertures include two series of predetermined pluralities
8 of the floor-bolt apertures that are oppositely disposed circumferentially at
9 predetermined radii from an axis of the base circumferential plate.

1 **12.** (*previously withdrawn*) The bolt-keeper toilet flange of claim 11 wherein:
2 the base circumferential plate includes a width of predeterminedly
3 proximate one-and-one-half inches and a thickness predetermined for containing an
4 integral bolt-head bracket and for providing rigidity and duration of materials of
5 construction of the base circumferential plate.

B/ 1 **13.** (*previously withdrawn*) The bolt-keeper toilet flange of claim 11 wherein:
2 the base circumferential plate includes a width of predeterminedly
3 proximate one inch and a thickness predetermined for containing the integral bolt-
4 head bracket and for providing rigidity and duration of materials of construction of
5 the base circumferential plate.

1 **14.** (*previously withdrawn*) The bolt-keeper toilet flange of claim 1 wherein:
2 the toilet-fastener plate includes a supplemental circumferential plate
3 having a plate diameter predeterminedly in excess of a diameter of the
4 predetermined toilet-drain aperture;
5 the bolt-head bracket including a first bolt-head bracket that is
6 oppositely disposed diametrically from a second bolt-head bracket; and

7 the floor-bolt apertures include four series of predetermined pluralities
8 of the floor-bolt apertures that are oppositely disposed orthogonally at predetermined
9 radii from an axis of the supplemental circumferential plate.

1 **15. (previously withdrawn)** The bolt-keeper toilet flange of claim **14** wherein:

2 the supplemental circumferential plate includes a width of
3 predeterminedly proximate one-and-one-half inches and a thickness predetermined
4 for supporting supplemental bolt-head bracket and for providing rigidity and
5 duration of materials of construction of the supplemental circumferential plate.

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1 **16. (previously withdrawn)** The bolt-keeper toilet flange of claim **14** wherein:

2 the supplemental circumferential plate includes a width of
3 predeterminedly proximate one inch and a thickness predetermined for supporting
4 the supplemental bolt-head bracket and for providing rigidity and duration of
5 materials of construction of the supplemental circumferential plate.

1 **17. (previously withdrawn)** The bolt-keeper toilet flange of claim **1** wherein

2 the bolt-head bracket includes the integral bolt-head bracket; and
3 the integral bolt-head bracket including walls that are integral with
4 material of construction of the toilet-fastener plate.

5 18. (*previously withdrawn*) The bolt-keeper toilet flange of claim 1 wherein
6 the bolt-head bracket includes the supplemental bolt-head bracket; and
7 the supplemental bolt-head bracket includes walls that are supplemental
8 to and superimposed onto material of construction of the toilet-fastener plate.

1 19. (*previously withdrawn*) A bolt-keeper toilet flange comprising:
2 an arcuate plate having at least one bolt-head bracket articulated to hold
3 a toilet-bolt head;
4 the bolt-head bracket having a bolt-shank opening on the bolt-head side
5 of the toilet-fastener plate for positioning the toilet-bolt head in the bolt-head bracket
6 with a toilet-bolt shank held uprightly from the toilet-fastener plate in a
7 predetermined place for attachment of a toilet bowl to the toilet bolt with a toilet-bolt
8 nut screwed onto the toilet-bolt shank;
9 floor-bolt apertures which extend through the toilet-fastener plate on
10 arcuately opposite sides of the bolt-head bracket for receiving floor-bolt shanks of
11 floor bolts inserted downwardly through the floor-bolt apertures and for retaining
12 floor-bolt heads of the floor bolts proximate a top of the toilet-fastener plate for
13 bolting the toilet-fastener plate to a floor predeterminedly about a toilet-drain
14 aperture in the floor;

15 the arcuate plate has an arcuate length of predeterminedly proximate
16 two inches, a width of predeterminedly proximate three-fourths of an inch and a
17 thickness predetermined for support of the bolt-head bracket;
18 the bolt-head bracket including a bracket entry that is articulated to
19 receive the toilet-bolt head and the toilet-bolt shank radially from a predetermined
20 entry edge of the fastener plate; and
21 the bolt-head bracket includes an end wall opposite the bracket entry
22 to prevent passage of the toilet-bolt head through the bolt-head bracket.

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1 **20. (previously withdrawn)** A bolt-keeper toilet flange comprising:
2 a base circumferential plate having a plate diameter predeterminedly in
3 excess of a diameter of the predetermined toilet-drain aperture;
4 a first bolt-head bracket that is oppositely disposed diametrically from
5 a second bolt-head bracket on the base circumferential plate;
6 two series of predetermined pluralities of the floor-bolt apertures that
7 are oppositely disposed circumferentially at predetermined radii from an axis of the
8 base circumferential plate;
9 the base circumferential plate including a width predetermined for
10 containing the first bolt-head bracket and second toilet-bowl bracket at
11 predetermined radial distances from an axis of the base circumferential plate and for

- 12 containing the floor-bolt apertures at a predetermined floor-bolt distance from the
13 axis of the circumferential plate; and
- 14 the base circumferential plate includes a thickness predetermined for
- 15 containing the integral bolt-head bracket and for providing rigidity and duration of
- 16 materials of construction of the base circumferential plate.
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